

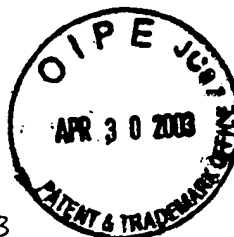
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	G.J. GORMLEY et al.
Serial No.:	10/010,678 - Case No.: 19109DE
Filed:	December 7, 2001
For:	TRANSDERMAL TREATMENT WITH 5-ALPHA- REDUCTASE INHIBITORS (as amended)

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Examiner:
V.Y. Kim

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated January 30, 2003, for which a Notice of Appeal is due Wednesday, April 30, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks in the belief that they place the application in condition for allowance, or at least in better condition for appeal. A notice of appeal is being transmitted herewith.